



**MICHIGAN  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
FINANCIAL LIABILITY REFORM**

**Wednesday, March 4, 2015**

**12:00 p.m.**

**Room 327 House Office Building**

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The House Standing Committee on Financial Liability Reform was called to order by **Representative Pat Somerville**, Chair.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Somerville, Leuthesuer, Farrington, LaFontaine, Lyons, Poleski, Wittenberg, Faris and Chirkun.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None.

**Representative Leutheuser** moved to adopt the minutes from the **February 18, 2015**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**Chair Somerville** opened the floor for a presentation from:

**Phil Stoddard, Director, and Kerrie VandenBosch, Compliance Inspector, representing the  
Office of Retirement Services**

**Mr. Stoddard** gave an overview of the Office of Retirement Services (ORS) and submitted a handout to the committee members. Questions and discussion followed.

**Chair Somerville** opened the floor for a presentation from:

**Paul Connors, Legislative Liaison, and  
John Barton, Director of the Finance Authority Division,  
representing the Michigan Department of Treasury on  
Deficit School Districts**

**Mr. Connors** and **Mr. Barton** gave an overview of the state of Michigan's deficit school districts and submitted a handout to the committee members. Questions and discussion followed.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

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**Representative Pat Somerville, Chair**  
**House Standing Committee on Financial Liability Reform**  
Malika Abdul-Basir  
Committee Clerk  
517-373-7256  
59 Minutes